

9 FAM PART IV Appendix C, BULGARIA

(TL:VISA-299; 07-30-2001)

RECIPROCITY

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| Class | Fee | No. Applications | Validity |
|----------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| A-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| A-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| A-3 [1] | NONE | MULTIPLE | 24 MONTHS |
| B-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |
| B-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |
| B-1/B-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |
| C-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| C-1/D | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| C-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 12 MONTHS |
| C-3 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 12 MONTHS |
| D | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| E-1 [2] | NO TREATY | N/A | N/A |
| E-2 [2] | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| F-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| F-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| G-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| G-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| G-3 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| G-4 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| G-5 [1] | NONE | MULTIPLE | 24 MONTHS |
| H-1B | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| H-1C | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| H-2A | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| H-2B | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| H-3 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| H-4 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| I | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| J-1 [4] | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| J-2 [4] | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| K-1 | NONE | ONE | 6 MONTHS |
| K-2 | NONE | ONE | 6 MONTHS |
| K-3 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |
| K-4 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |
| L-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| L-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| M-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| M-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| N-8 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| N-9 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| NATO 1-7 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| O-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |

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| O-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| O-3 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| P-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| P-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| P-3 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| P-4 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| Q-1 [6] | NONE | MULTIPLE | 15 MONTHS |
| R-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| R-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 60 MONTHS |
| S-5 [7] | NONE | ONE | 1 MONTH |
| S-6 [7] | NONE | ONE | 1 MONTH |
| S-7 [7] | NONE | ONE | 1 MONTH |
| TD [5] | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| V-1 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |
| V-2 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |
| V-3 | NONE | MULTIPLE | 120 MONTHS |

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Unavailable.

Court Record

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. Court records (svidetelstvo za sudimost) are issued by the respective district courts to persons born in Bulgaria. Persons born outside of Bulgaria must file an application to the Ministry of Justice. The application must contain full identifying data and should be accompanied by a birth or baptismal certificate. In the absence of such, a certificate issued by the corresponding Peoples' Council attesting to the petitioner's date and place of birth will suffice.

Military Records

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Unavailable. The military booklet (voenna knishka) issued to every person who has completed military service may not be sent or taken out of the country. The bearer of such a booklet must surrender it upon application for a passport. No other military records are issued.

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Available. A birth certificate (akt za razhdane) may be obtained from the district municipality that has jurisdiction over the place of birth. The certificate is an extract or summary of data in the Civil Register.

Where there is no record in the civil registry of a birth, a baptismal certificate (krushtelno svidetelstvo) has the same validity as a birth certificate, and may be obtained from the church in which the baptism took place.

Birth and baptismal certificates are available to foreign nationals if born in Bulgaria.

A Bulgarian citizen, born in the country or abroad, who is unable to obtain a birth or baptismal certificate, may establish before a local court, the place and date of birth through the testimony of at least two witnesses who knew the applicant's parents. The resulting document is entered in the Civil Register and has the same validity as a birth and baptismal certificate. Copies of such entries may be obtained from the municipalities.

Marriage Certificates

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Marriage certificates are available and, in the case of civil marriages, may be obtained from the municipalities. Certificates of church marriages may be obtained from the churches concerned.

Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-218; 11-24-2000)

The courts granting the divorce issue divorce certificates.

NOTE: Bulgarian law does not permit the taking or sending abroad of an original public record. All certificates, therefore, are copies, extracts or summaries of records on file. References to certificates issued by churches apply in each case only to documents issued by Bulgarian Orthodox churches.

Persons not physically present in Bulgaria may apply for the required documents through Bulgarian diplomatic or consular offices abroad.

Passports: Information On Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-260; 04-18-2001)

Bulgaria began issuing three new types of passports in 1999.

1. Regular - It has a red cover and is issued by the Ministry of the Interior.
2. Diplomatic - It has a dark blue cover and is issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
3. Seaman's Passport - Is dark blue and is issued by the Ministry of Transport.

All three passports have gold lettering on the front that says "Republic of Bulgaria" and the type of passport in both Cyrilic and Latin letters. The passports are valid for five (5) years.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-178; 08-17-1998)

Sofia (E) All Categories

Address:

U.S. Embassy Sofia
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20521-5740

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-94)

All of Bulgaria.